

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

Covid 19 Mass Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for all masses except Spanish.

These guidelines comply with our St. Petersburg Diocese Guidelines.

- Only the Host will be offered as Holy Communion. Total 15 positions including the Priest and Deacon (if we have one). This includes the Venetian also. **10:45 Mass EMs - When you arrive please enter through the door to the Confessional area where the Prodigal Son Statue is. Main doors will not be opened until 15 minutes before mass. Please try to arrive 30 minutes before mass to sign in and review where your modified position is.**
- The schedule for June will be modified to remove those who have responded that they are not yet comfortable to serve as EMHCs at this time. We will only share and post one week at a time in case of adjustments.
- **All EMHCs will wear masks and not wear gloves. Please bring your own mask, but if you don't have one the church has some.** Captain will handle the sign in book – no one else is allowed to touch the book. It will be sanitized after each mass. See below for details on this.
- Map with modified positions will be posted along with the position assignments for those particular weekend masses on the doors to the workroom near Luther's office. Two EMHCs will go to the back by the Baptismal Font, Two EMHCs will go to the Daily Chapel and Four EMHCs will go to the Venetian if needed. The posted Map will show positions and locations. H1, H3, H5, H7 (Priest), H9, H11, H13 – across the front with distancing between. H15, H17 to the back by the baptismal font. H19, H21 to daily chapel, H23, H25, H27, H29 to the Venetian. H1 will be the Captain. **No normal H1 duties will be needed. LOOK FOR TAPE ON THE FLOOR TO SHOW WHERE TO STAND TO ALLOW DISTANCING.**
- When communicants approach, they are to keep the six foot distance while coming up to receive in line.
- **ONLY ONE EMHC** will be distributing to those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue – H13. They will have hand sanitizer nearby to sanitize between recipients.

- **Altar Floor will be marked where to stand when coming up to receive before going to your positions keeping distance between ministers. The presider will give you Holy Communion and then Luther, Kevin and maybe a Deacon will bring sanitizer to you – clean your hands and then they will give you your bowl. Venetian EMHCs should have a covered ciboria to carry the hosts over to the Venetian. Covers will be placed on the credence table for you to place on your bowl before heading to the Venetian. We need to be very aware of setting an example when visible on the altar.**

HEALTH FORMS

Take your temperature at home and fill out your form. As soon as you arrive, place your completed form in the receptacle across from the door to Luther's office near the cubby holes. There will be a badge for you to wear there also – "Self Monitored" – these must be worn and then put back after mass. If you do not have your form, blanks will be available for you to fill out and you will have your temperature taken. No one can serve unless they submit their form or have their temperature taken. A form needs to be submitted for each mass you will serve.

SIGN IN BOOK

Stand six feet away from podium and let the Captain know your name and they will sign you in and let you know your position. It would be best to stand by the picture cross and not near the entrance door. If you are not assigned and are at mass and want to help, please let the Captain know. ARRIVE EARLY. If you don't get enough EMHCs to fill all positions, keep at least one or two for the Venetian and remove the positions in the daily chapel. Order of position elimination H 27, H29 (Venetian), H19, H21 (Daily Chapel). Captain will advise Luther or Kevin of adjustment.

WHEN EMHCs RECEIVE ON THE ALTAR: It's acceptable to remove your mask when receiving and then you will sanitize your hands before taking your bowl. Priest will give you Communion and someone will bring you sanitizer and your bowl. No walking around on the altar. Go directly to your position when you get your bowl. **DO NOT TOUCH YOUR MASK** while distributing Holy Communion to the congregation. Venetian EMHCs will receive on the altar and see further instructions below. **DO NOT TOUCH ANYONE – BLESSING OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS THAT MAY COME WITH CROSSED ARMS CAN BE DONE BY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND A "BLESS YOU" GREETING ONLY.**

Remain in your place until all congregants have received and then use outside walk around aisles to return your bowl behind the altar.

VENETIAN

Will be open for overflow and will watch mass on the projection screen. Your positions will be shown on the MAP. After you receive on the altar, sanitize and then take your bowl across the piazza, place your ciboria top on the table on the lower step at the front of the Venetian, and go directly to your positions. When all have received, replace your bowl cover, and return to the church and bring your bowl behind the altar as you usually do using side walkway. **Since we don't know if the Venetian will be needed, you will be told on the altar after you receive the Eucharist if you need to go over. If you don't, just return to your seat keeping distancing.**

RETURNING THE CONSECRATED HOSTS TO THE TABERNACLE

Luther or Kevin will handle this for us.

WASHING THE VESSELS IN THE MAIN SACRISTY WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF. Just leave your bowl and return to your seat. Luther and Kevin will handle this for now.

NOTE THE MASS TIME CHANGE AND ARRIVE EARLY TO CHECK IN

Mass times will be Saturday 4 pm, Sunday 8:30 am, 10:45 am, 5:30 pm and the Spanish mass will be moved to 1 pm. (10:45 am mass EMHCs use alternate door near the confessional area when arriving – see above).

We appreciate your patience as we work out the details of these changes. We all need to be positive and grateful that we can now attend mass and receive the Holy Eucharist as well as minister to our fellow parishioners. Continue to keep St. Mark Church and our ministry in your prayers as we all do our best to continue our EMHC Ministry. As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

Good health and blessings,
Terri and Bob Rayo
St. Mark EMHC Coordinators
813-431-5768